

REMARKS

A review of the claims indicates that:

A) Claims 2—5, 11—14, 16, 17, 29 and 30 remain in their original form.

B) Claims 1, 8, 9, 15, 20 and 27 are currently amended.

C) Claims 6, 7, 10, 18, 19, 21–26 and 28 are currently cancelled.

D) Claims 31—33 are new.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the finding of allowed subject matter, and in the interests of economical prosecution, puts the application into condition for allowance.

Drawings

The Applicant has corrected Fig. 5 to extend the lead lines of reference designators 518, 522 and 526, which did not extend far enough to actually touch the elements to which they pointed.

Also, paragraph [0048] has been corrected, as indicated by the Office Action.

Claim 26 was objected-to; however, this claim has been cancelled.

Claim Cancellations

The Applicant has cancelled a number of claims. The claims were cancelled in the interests of promoting rapid and cost-effective prosecution. Accordingly, the cancellations are not meant to express an opinion as to the allowability of any claim. Moreover, the Applicant reserves the right to file the same or similar claims at any time in the future.

1 Review of Claim Amendments

2 The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the finding of allowed subject
3 matter, and in the interests of economical prosecution, puts the application into
4 condition for allowance.

5 Claim 1 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 7,
6 and therefore was amended to recite elements from claims 6 and 7. Concerning
7 other claims in this claim set, claims 2—5 depend from claim 1, claims 6 and 7 are
8 cancelled, and claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

9 Claim 9 has been amended to recite elements form claim 10, which is
10 therefore cancelled. Claims 11—14 continue to depend, directly or indirectly,
11 from claim 9.

12 Claim 15 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim
13 19, and therefore was amended to recite elements from claims 18 and 19.
14 Concerning the other claims in this claim set, claims 16 and 17 depend from claim
15 15, claims 18 and 19 are cancelled, and claim 20 has been amended to depend
16 from claim 15.

17 Claims 21—26, including independent claims 21 and 24 have been
18 cancelled.

19 Claim 27 has been amended to recite allowable subject matter form claim
20 28, which is therefore cancelled. Claims 29 and 30 continue to depend from claim
21 27.

22 Claim 31 is new, and captures allowable subject matter from combined
23 claims 9 and 11.

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Claim 32 is new, and captures allowable subject matter from combined claims 27 and 30.

Claim 33 is new, and captures allowable subject matter from combined claims 9, 12 and 13.

Conclusion

The Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, based at least upon the indications given by the Examiner in the office action mailed 11 Jan 2008, and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowability be issued. If the Office's next anticipated action is not the issuance of a Notice of Allowability, the Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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